

Inspector General's Investigation Leads to State Ethics Commission Fine for Second Braintree Electric Light Department Employee

The Office of the Inspector General's extensive investigation of the Braintree Electric Light Department resulted in the State Ethics Commission fining Hugh Joseph Morley, the light department's electrical engineering manager, \$3,000 for accepting free golf and Red Sox tickets from Power Line Models, a company doing business with the light department.

The Office's investigation found that numerous items of substantial value had been bestowed upon the light department's general manager, engineering manager, district supervisor, and foreman by vendors under contract with the light department. These gifts included golf outings, lunches, as well as major league baseball tickets.

Morley, who signed a disposition agreement with the State Ethics Commission on Oct. 5, 2004, acknowledged violating the state's conflict of interest law and agreed to pay a \$3,000 fine. He is the second employee of the Braintree Electric Light Department fined for conflict of interest violations as a result of the Office's October 2002 report, "Contractor Gifts to Braintree Electric Light Department Employees."

A copy of the agreement may be obtained at the State Ethics Commission's website at http://www.mass.gov/ethics/DA_Morley.pdf.